

GENERAL ORDERS, }

No. 245. }

WAR DEPARTMENT,

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,

Washington, August 12, 1864.

The following Act of Congress is published for the information and government of all concerned:—

[PUBLIC.—No. 173.]

AN ACT to provide for the efficiency of the Navy.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That any person enlisted in the military service of the United States who shall apply to the Navy Department to be transferred to the navy or marine corps shall, if his application be approved by the President of the United States, be transferred to the navy or marine corps to serve the residue of his term of enlistment therein, subject to the laws and regulations for the government of the navy: *Provided,* That such transfer shall not release the transferred person from any indebtedness to the Government, nor without the consent of the President of the United States, from any penalty incurred for a breach of military law.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That any seaman or mariner, or person who may have served as such, drafted into the military service, may, by order of the President of the United States, be transferred to the naval service, to serve therein, subject to the laws and regulations for the government of the navy, for the term or residue of the term for which he was drafted.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That all enlistments into the naval service or marine corps during the present war, shall be credited to the appropriate township, precinct, or district, in the same manner as enlistments for the army.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted,* That persons hereafter enlisted into the naval service or marine corps during the present war, shall be entitled to receive the same bounty as if enlisted in the army. And the resolution approved February twenty-four, eighteen hundred and sixty-four, entitled "A resolution relative to the transfer

of persons in the military service to the naval service," is hereby repealed: *Provided, nevertheless,* That such sums as may have been paid as bounty to persons transferred from the military to the naval service or marine corps shall be charged to and paid out of the proper naval appropriation, or appropriation for the marine corps.

*Approved July 1, 1864.*

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR:

E. D. TOWNSEND,

*Assistant Adjutant General.*

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